



U.S. Department of Transportation

SITUATION REPORT, ESF #1 - TRANSPORTATION

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OPERATIONAL STATUS

Agency: DOT

*Op Status: Yellow - Disruption or other than normal operations

*Report #: DOT-HQ-04

*Related Event: Tropical Storm Allison Flooding

Status as of: 06/11/2001 at 08:34

Region/Office: Headquarters

Distribution Level: Open - For Public Release

Situation Summary: A weakened Tropical Storm Allison drifted away from Houston on Sunday -- after furiously pounding the city and the surrounding counties for five days -- slowly headed across the Gulf of Mexico for Louisiana. Sixteen people have been confirmed dead in Texas and one in Louisiana since the storm came ashore on Tuesday. On Saturday, President George W. Bush declared a disaster area in 28 counties around Houston, making federal emergency aid available to the region. Tropical storm warnings were discontinued early Sunday as Allison died down, but forecasters warned that the storm could pick up strength again as it chugged across the warm, open water of the Gulf toward southern Louisiana. Heavy rains in the region -- nearly 11 inches of rain have fallen in the last 30 hours in Houston, and more than 9 inches have drenched Salt Point in southeast Louisiana -- kept flood warnings and watches alive.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT

Air: Houston Intercontinental, Hobby Airports, and Ellington airports are reporting normal operations. The access road to the Hobby Air Traffic Control Tower has been reopened. All airlines operating out of Houston are reporting normal operations.

Rail: Union Pacific reopened Englewood and Settegast rail yards yesterday. The Strang rail yard plans to reopen today.

There will be no Sunset Limited from Orlando on Sunday because of flooding on the BNSF and UP between New Orleans and Houston.

The Texas Eagle to Chicago, with connections to new Orleans and Florida, will be made.

Highways: All major roadways in both Texas and Louisiana are open.

Marine: Houston Ship Channel remains closed north of Baytown due to resolving waterway management issues. Some barges broke loose this morning; USCG and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are resolving the problem.

The Port of Galveston is closed north of the Baytown Exxon Refinery. It is anticipated the port will reopen this evening. 20 vessels remain inside the port waiting to depart. Numerous vessels are inbound.

Transit: The Metropolitan Transit Authority is operating on schedule.

Pipelines: No impact.

Motor Carrier Safety: No impact.

Highway Traffic Safety: No impact.

ACTIONS TAKEN

What actions have been taken? ESF-1 is activated in Region 6 at the FEMA Regional Operations Center in Denton, TX, and the Movement Coordination Center (MCC) in Washington, DC, as of 2:00 p.m. on June 9th.

The RETREP, Region 4 is on standby to activate the Emergency Transportation Center (ETC) depending upon situation requirements.

Four Disaster Medical Assistance Teams were brought into the Houston area.

The USCG search and rescue efforts as of 6/10: 82 people rescued by hoist (helicopter) and 121 rescued by boat for a total of 203 people rescued.

DOT is coordinating with DOD to reallocate search and rescue assets to free up CG staff to focus on the Louisiana situation as the storm moves eastward.

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INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS

International transportation incidents: None

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: None

NOTIFICATION

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